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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by one month. The fee including the amount of \$60.00 for the petition fee is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17, and is computed as:

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Respectfully submitted,

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